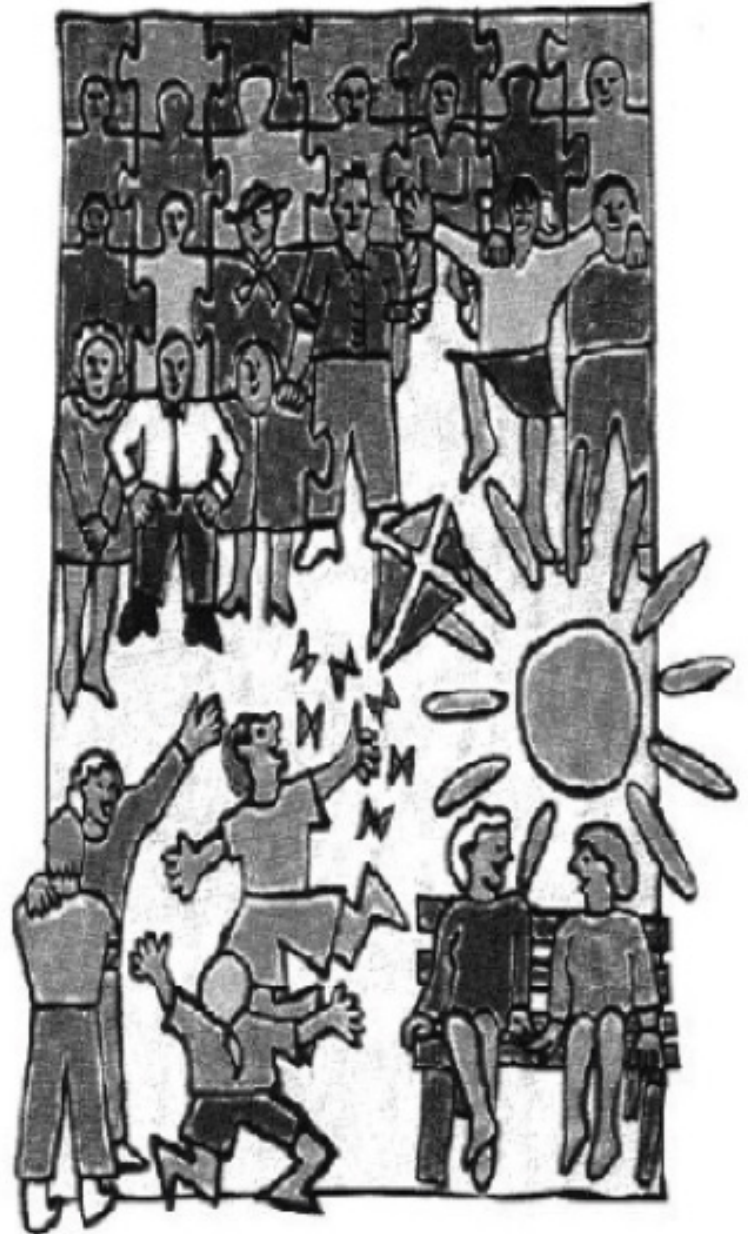




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From the Program Manager

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Jackie Breasley, our new Advocate. Jackie joined us in November from the Disability Resources Centre. We are working together, as she gets up to speed on how we deliver advocacy. She is working with clients and learning other aspects of how we run the Program. I will be retiring in the middle of the year, and Jackie will become the Program Manager on my departure. I am confident Jackie will develop the Program and continue our high quality support of people with disability.

At the time of writing, the legislative reforms to the NDIS are impacting on our workload, with queries and requests for advocacy in relation to how these reforms are impacting on our clients. There is now a list of services/supports that the NDIS will fund, plus a list of replacement supports. Anything outside those lists will not be funded. Therefore, we cannot advocate for people to have services or supports that aren't on those lists. We don't have enough resources to be pursuing something that has no hope of success, and this is definitely the case for items not specified on these two lists. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out, as we are happy to discuss any concerns you have. Other useful sources of support in this regard include your Support Coordinator or Local Area Coordinator, if you have one, or your Plan Manager. The NDIS website has the list of approved supports and the replacement list. They can be found at <https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/would-we-fund-it/what-does-ndis-fund> or we can send a copy to you.

Another development that is related to the legislative reform is that people will get written confirmation of the disability that NDIS has recognized for them. NDIS can only fund services and supports related to your recognized disability, so it is important that this is correct. Getting confirmation will be very valuable, however it will take some time before existing participants receive this. In the interim, you can always call the NDIS and ask for exactly what disability or disabilities they have recognized for you. People who are becoming new participants are getting this confirmation right from their first acceptance into the NDIS but for many people, who are already in the Scheme, it will take some time.

Again, as always, please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions: we are always happy to hear from you.

Kind regards
Kerry McLinden
Program Manager

Meet Jackie

I'm Jackie Breasley, Southern Disability Advocacy's new advocate and future Program Manager. I started working alongside Kerry in November 2024 and already I've learnt so much in the advocacy space. It's great to be a part of the Southern Disability Advocacy Team.

Before joining SDA, I was an individual advocate at the Disability Resources Centre for two years working with adults with disability throughout metropolitan Melbourne. A highlight was assisting an individual who had been incarcerated access services and housing.

I also have extensive experience in the disability sector having worked in a variety of roles including NDIA Planner, Sector Development Lead and Support Coordinator over the last 13 years. I identify as disabled with physical and related sensory disabilities.

I am undertaking a Masters of Disability Practice and Leadership part-time at Flinders University and a member of my Local Council's access and inclusion advisory committee.

I'm married with one furbaby, and still celebrating Collingwood's 2023 Grand Final victory!



From the Program Advocate

New rules about managing NDIS Funds

The NDIS Act is the law that explains how the NDIS works. The Act tells the National Disability Insurance Agency what they need to think about when making decisions about a participant's plan. This includes if there are risks to a NDIS participant in plan management decisions. This article will only be talking about plan management decisions.

With the new NDIS rules we are hearing of some participants are having their plan management request denied in full or part or changed in full or part. Because we are hearing about this, I thought it might be helpful to talk a little about the new rule that relates to plan management decisions. To help understand this it is important to know the difference between a plan management request and a plan management decision. Information provided in this article is based on that published by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services, Management of Funding Amendment Rules (Plain English summary) document. Participants can request their plan be managed by a particular person or in a particular way.

This is called a plan management request.

A participant can ask for their plan to be managed by:

1. Themselves
2. Their plan nominee - a person who a participant chooses to manage the plan on their behalf such as a family member.
3. A child representative – a person who manages a child's plan, like a parent or guardian.
4. A registered plan management provider - private business or organisation that is paid to manage a participant's plan.

A plan management decision is when the NDIA decides who can manage a participant's plan. Risks can arise because a person who manages a plan decides how the funding will be spent. It is not only about spending funds on something that is not allowed under the rules or service providers overcharging. Misuse of funding can leave a participant without funding, and this may impact on their vital supports. A lack of funded supports, especially for those needed in their day to day – exposes a participant to risk of harm.

When making a plan management decision, the NDIA needs to not only think about whether there is a risk to the participant, they must consider:

1. How big that risk is
2. Whether the risk can be managed by any informal or mainstream community supports the participant has in their life
3. If there are other supports and strategies in a participant's plan that help to lower identified risks.

From the Program Advocate cont.

There is a new rule - Rule 2025. The new rule means the NDIA must agree to a participant's plan management request unless the NDIS Act or rules give them a reason not to. The NDIA must consider a number of things before deciding to deny a participant's request. Rule 2025 explains the type of things the NDIA must think about before making a plan management decision.

These things include:

1. Whether there is any risk the participant of experiencing harm. Harm includes physical, mental or financial, exploitation, manipulation, influence or pressure
2. The participant's ability to make decisions and manage money. However, when thinking about this, the NDIA must consider any suitable support or help the participant is likely to have when making a plan management decision.
3. The type of support that is being funded. In some cases, the NDIA might decide someone, such as a participant, nominee or child representative from cannot manage life-sustaining support but they may be allowed to keep managing other low risk supports. This is sometimes referred to as high risk supports as opposed to low risk supports. When this happens the NDIA might decide that high risk supports need to be NDIA (Agency) managed.
4. How well risks have been managed in the past
5. Whether a Court has ordered another person to manage the money or property of the participant. The NDIA needs to consider who is responsible for managing NDIS plan funding to make sure the plan management decision complies with any Court Order.
6. Any other information raised by participant and/or any other information or circumstances the NDIA considers relevant.

The NDIA must not consider the nature of a participant's impairments in plan management decisions.

However, they are allowed to consider the impact of a participant's impairment, where it is relevant.

The NDIA must not consider the amount of funding in the plan. It is very important to know that risk assessments of this nature are not about the amount of funding in a plan (this means the dollar value). The dollar value of a plan is different to a support risk.

It is important for everyone to know that a plan management decision is a reviewable decision. This means when a participant does not agree with the plan management decision, they have the right to request a review of the plan management decision. This is explained more in section 99 of the NDIS Act. If you need help with a review of a plan management decision a request can be sent to Southern Disability Advocacy to see if this is something we can help with.

Lisa Thomas
Program Advocate

Would you like to receive the Southern Disability Advocacy Newsletter by email?

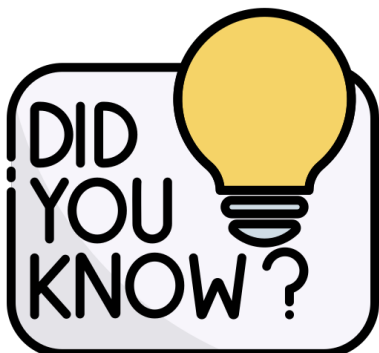


If so, just email us at kerry@southernda.org.au & we will happily place you on our e-list.

Did You Know?

Southern Disability Advocacy keeps a file on the work they do with you. The file contains the information that we gather in working with you, so we can support you. There is usually a paper file and a file on the computer.

All files are kept in a secure place and only the staff have access to them. If at any time you would like access to your file, we are happy to arrange it for you. When we have a quality assurance audit, your written permission will be sought before anyone can access the file.



Useful Information

Film Club - Rosebud Library

Next date: Friday, 28 February 2025 | 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM

Recommended for adults

Join us for our monthly Film Club where we will watch a preselected movie of the month and follow up with a cuppa and a great discussion about today's movie.

His Girl Friday (1940)
Directed by Howard Hawks
28 March

Dawn! (1979)
Directed by Romed Wyder
24 April

A United Kingdom (2016)
Directed by Amma Asante
29 May

Another Man's Poison (1951)
Directed by Irving Rapper
26 June

Six Minutes to Midnight (2020)
Directed by Andy Goddard
31 July

Stone of Destiny (2008)
Directed by Charles Martin Smith
29 August

The Hound of the Baskervilles (1936)
Directed by Sidney Lanfield
25 September

East Bay (2022)
Directed by Daniel Yoon
30 October

Things to Come (1936)
Directed by William Cameron Menzies
27 November

A Christmas Karen (2022)

Directed by Lisa Enos Smith and Jon Binkowski
19 December

Free, bookings essential.

Note: If you can't make it on the day, please let us know so we can free up your tickets.

Contact

Rosebud Library

5950 1230

rosebud.library@mornpen.vic.gov.au



Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee (Festival)

Saturday, 01 March 2025 | 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

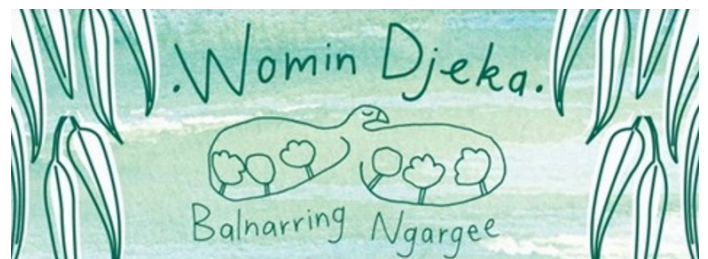
Join us as we gather for the Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee on Saturday 1st March 2025 from 10am - 5pm.

This is a fantastic family-friendly community festival, celebrating and honouring First Peoples cultures and contributions. Held under the Stringybark gums at Emu Plains Reserve on Boon Wurrung Country

There will be a Welcome to Country, incredible entertainment, Caring for Country organisations, First Nations organisations, cultural workshops, a children's area, Schools Project, food and craft stalls.

Visit <https://www.balnarringfestival.com.au/> for all the details and follow us on Facebook or Instagram to stay connected.

Emu Plains Reserve, Coolart Road Balnarring, Balnarring,



Useful Information

Wednesday Half Day Walks

We are a mixed group with medium fitness able to walk at least 12km at a medium pace. Cafe stop for morning tea where possible. Variety of walking terrain from bush to beach & some street walking. Join our email and WhatsApp groups for walk locations.

- Wednesday, 05 March 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 12 March 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 19 March 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 26 March 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 02 April 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 09 April 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 16 April 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 23 April 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 30 April 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 07 May 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 14 May 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 21 May 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 28 May 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 04 June 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 11 June 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 18 June 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 25 June 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 02 July 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 09 July 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Wednesday, 16 July 2025 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location

Walks start in a variety of areas on or near the Mornington Peninsula

Contact

Jeff Connan

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jeffc2@bigpond.net.au



Mornington Racecourse Market

Join us for a magical day at the delightful Mornington Racecourse Market! On the second Sunday of the Month. Explore a treasure trove of unique items crafted by talented artists, each with their own distinctive style and story. Discover one-of-a-kind creations and special finds that you won't come across in regular retail stores.

Parking: \$5 (small fee for electronic payments) ATM on site!

No dogs are permitted at the racecourse.

For more details and a sneak peek of our amazing stallholders, visit our website at www.craftmarkets.com.au

- Sunday, 09 March 2025 | 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- Sunday, 13 April 2025 | 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- Sunday, 11 May 2025 | 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM
- Sunday, 08 June 2025 | 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM



Useful Information

Free guided birdwatching for everyone



Sunday, 16 March 2025 | 09:30 AM

Join members of Mornington Peninsula BirdLife Australia on this walk to Endeavour Fern Gully, Red Hill.

Newcomers, beginners and visitors are welcome. Members will help you spot and identify birds. Binoculars for casual use are available on every outing. Bring lunch (optional) and a folding chair for bird call and a chat after the walk.

Please note: on days of Total Fire Ban walks are cancelled.

Walk is on undulating bush tracks and boardwalks. Endeavour Fern Gully, Meet in car park on property, off Arthurs Seat Road (opposite the Red Hill Recreation Reserve)

Live Music at Coolart

Next date: Sunday, 16 February 2025 | 04:00 PM to 06:00 PM

Friends of Coolart and Delsinki & Duzel Productions present exceptional music events to be held over Summer in the gardens of Coolart Wetlands and Homestead. BYO drinks and nibbles, a chair or blanket to sit on.

- Sunday, 23 March 2025 | 04:00 PM - 06:00 PM

In the event of bad weather - the gig will be moved into the Observatory.

In the event of a total fire ban - the event will be cancelled.

Tickets from Try Booking
Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, 40 Lord Somers Road,, Somers, 3927

Indigenous Cultural Walk

Next date: Thursday, 10 April 2025 | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bring the family and enjoy a special indigenous walk along the picturesque McCrae foreshore. Learn more about plants local to the area and how they were used for thousands of years by indigenous people for tucker, medicines and implements.

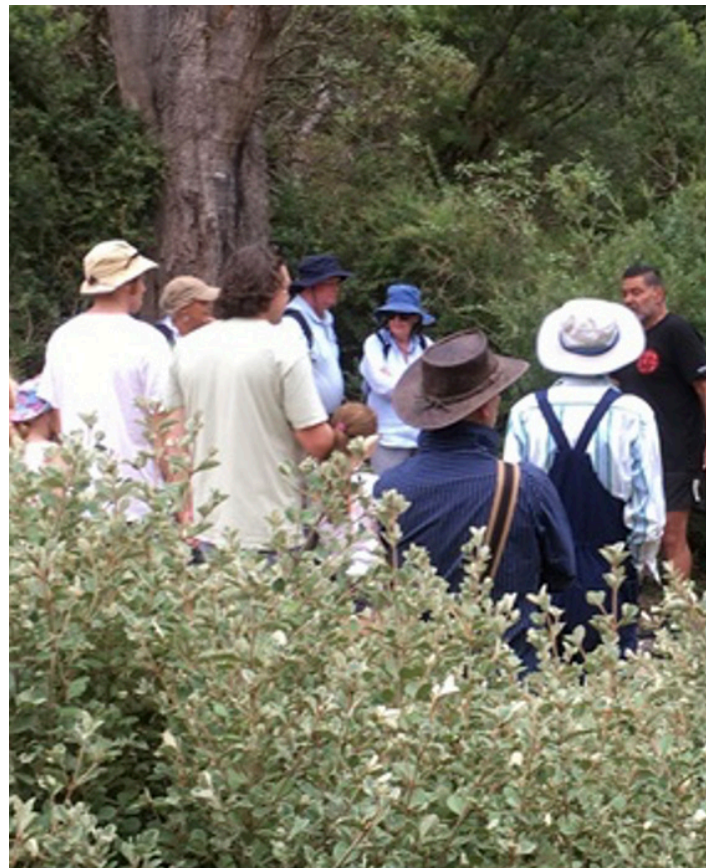
Please bring a water bottle, wear closed comfortable footwear and appropriate clothing for all weather conditions.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bookings are essential via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/guided-indigenous-cultural-walk-tickets-1100726064289>

McCrae Coastal Group Inc. acknowledges the support of the Port Phillip Bay Fund for this event.

McCrae Foreshore, Lighthouse playground Pt Nepean Road, McCrae, 3938



Useful Information

Somerville Family Day

Monday, 10 March 2025 | 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM

Join us in celebrating our 10-year Anniversary! One of the biggest events on the Mornington Peninsula. Come along to a day of fun and activities including:

Market stalls, rides, free entertainment, music, dance schools, car show, sporting clubs, community groups, Historic Society, food vans, Skate Park competitions and display, SES, CFA, Scouts, Petting Zoo, and lots more!

Not for profit volunteers organise this annual event and donate funds raised back to local causes and groups making this a unique model.

Fruit Growers Reserve, Somerville, Edward Street, Somerville, 3912



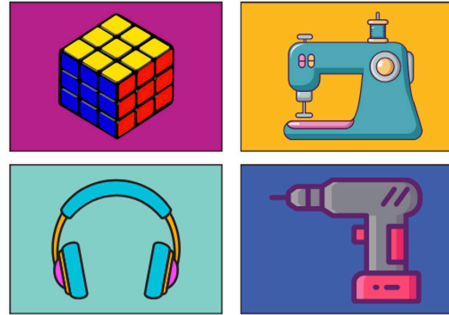
Soul Night Market Hastings

Shop, Eat, Drink and Socialise at this festive, foodie and makers market held in Melbourne's South East Suburbs, giving people the opportunity to experience a taste of the vibe and culture of City Night Markets, in their own neighbourhood.

With up to 20 different street food and drink trucks plus between 40-70 makers stalls and live Soul Music it is a great place to catch up with friends on a Friday Night. In summer we have beachside locations in Brighton and Hastings with cosy indoor venues in winter in Mornington and Moorabbin.

Friday, 14 March 2025 | 05:00 PM - 09:00 PM
FORESHORE RESERVE, MARINE PARADE,
Hastings,

Library of Things (LoT) - Induction Sessions



Library of Things - Induction Sessions

The Library of Things has launched at Frankston City Libraries! Before you borrow from the wide range of items available, you will need to attend a once-off induction, to have a 'Library of Things' approval added to your Frankston City Libraries membership card.

In collaboration with Waste Circularity at Frankston City Council, we are offering a range of useful everyday items, tools and creative gear to encourage sustainable living.

Please note, while anyone can register for a Frankston City Libraries card, the Library of Things collection is limited to patrons 18+ only.

We ask that you register for a library card before attending in order to save time.

Below is a sneak peek of the items that are available in our growing Library of Things:

- Kodak Film Scanner
- Sewing machine and overlocker
- Garden Tools
- Bike Repair Kit
- Tool kit
- Induction cooktops
- Cookie Cutters
- Cake Decorating tools
- Food Dehydrator
- Finska
- Quoits

and more....

Useful Information

Library of Things (LoT) - Induction Sessions cont.

These sessions will be limited in their attendance numbers, if you can no longer attend, please let us know so we can pass your spot to the next on the waiting list.

- Monday, 03 March 2025 | 10:30 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Tuesday, 04 March 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Wednesday, 05 March 2025 | 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM
 - Thursday, 06 March 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Friday, 07 March 2025 | 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Saturday, 08 March 2025 | 01:00 PM - 01:30 PM
 - Sunday, 09 March 2025 | 10:30 AM - 05:30 PM
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 - Thursday, 27 March 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
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 - Sunday, 30 March 2025 | 10:30 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Monday, 31 March 2025 | 10:30 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Tuesday, 01 April 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Wednesday, 02 April 2025 | 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM
 - Thursday, 03 April 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
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 - Wednesday, 09 April 2025 | 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM
 - Thursday, 10 April 2025 | 05:00 AM - 05:30 PM
 - Saturday, 12 April 2025 | 01:00 PM - 01:30 PM
 - Sunday, 13 April 2025 | 10:30 AM - 05:30 PM
- Multiple Locations (Frankston, Carrum Downs and Seaford Library)

Shed tour of the Pines Men's Shed



Guided tour of the Men's shed for all males 18-100+ years. Come and see what we do and get involved. Weekdays 9am to 3pm. Contact Brian Dixon 0397861008
pinesmensshed@bigpond.com
 Pines Mens Shed, 14 Stringybark Crescent, Frankston North, 3200

Hands-On Help: Managing your emails safely

Thursday, 20 March 2025 | 03:00 PM to 04:30 PM

Presented by Be Connected proudly hosted by Frankston City Libraries
 Having an email address is your gateway to the online world. It allows you to keep in touch with family and friends and access online services, including online shopping and banking. Even though many of us use email every day, there may be some features and safety tips you didn't know about. Get the most out of using email by exploring the benefits of email, how to manage spam emails, and steps to secure your account and protect yourself from scams.
 Join our presentation to discover:

- the benefits of email and account features
- how to manage and avoid spam emails
- ways to keep your email account secure
- how to avoid common email scams.

This session includes a 60 minute presentation from Be Connected plus 30 minutes of hands-on learning with one of our skilled library team members.
 Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston, 3199

Useful Information

Repair Cafe Hastings - Monthly Repair Workshop Session

The Repair Cafe is a place where skilled volunteers fix, repair and mend household items for reuse or repurpose. This keeps the circular economy going and items out of landfill.

We are a not-for-profit community organisation which relies on kind donations from the community to also keep us going. Kids activities and light refreshments are available as part of the Repair Cafe services.

We are currently one of three repair cafes operating on the Mornington Peninsula (others are at Rye & Mornington) and running just one session per month (usually on the third Sunday of each month) at The Hastings Community Hub. DIY workshops are also occasionally run during monthly repair sessions with limited numbers and bookings required.

More volunteers needed to assist in all areas of operating the Repair Cafe (on site and behind the scenes). Training provided and lots of different jobs available from reception and online marketing, to fixing. Please inquire if interested in helping out.

- Sunday, 18 May 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 15 June 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 20 July 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 17 August 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 21 September 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 19 October 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 16 November 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
 - Sunday, 21 December 2025 | 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM
- Hastings Community Hub, 1973 Frankston-Flinders Road, Hastings, 3915



The Explorer at Cranbourne Gardens

Discover the iconic Australian landscape and enjoy live commentary in the comfort of an open-air minibus. From the Red Sand Garden, journey along the east coast of the Australia Garden before winding back through the Peppermint Garden. The experience lasting 30 minutes provides a wealth of interesting and engaging content including landscape stories, gardens history, cultural significance and nature interpretation. Highlights of the tour include:

- Red Sand Garden
- Howson Hill
- Ian Potter Lake
- Arid Garden
- Dry River Bed

Included within your ticket is the flexibility to hop off at various stops within the Australia Garden. If you fancy a stroll at any one of the highlights we welcome the freedom to continue your experience with one of our later departures by jumping back on board later in the day. (This option is subject to availability on the day).

Daily

Time: 10.00am - 4pm (30min)

\$15 Adult, \$12 Conc, \$10 Child

Bookings recommended

Positive Thinking & Meditation

Learn how to make your mind your best friend through open-eyed meditation. This is an easy form of meditation designed to be practiced anywhere. Practical meditation allows you to overcome stress, anxiety and face challenges in daily life, while maintaining a positive and loving mindset.

When: Weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Time: 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Location: Chalcot Lodge Family and Community Centre, 26 Haverstock Hill Close, Endeavour Hills

Bookings: Call 0403 551 596

Cost: Free

Useful Information

City of Casey Community Food Resource Directory

The City of Casey’s Community Food Directory makes it easier to find affordable and accessible food assistance and relief options during times of need.

This resource is a result of the Council’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25 with the aim of decreasing food insecurity in the City of Casey. You can access the online portal [here](#) or download the pdf version [here](#).

Cook it with Dad

For all fathers and grandfathers to cook with their children. All food and equipment provided.

- Spend quality time with your children
- Meet other dads, grandfathers and father figures
- Help your children build life skills and confidence
- Cook tasty and healthy meals

When: Saturdays (during school terms), 10.30am – 12.00pm

Where: Clyde Township Family and Community Centre
45 Valetta Street, Clyde

Who: Father figures and their children up to 6 years of age.

Cost: Free

Register: You must book before you attend. Please send an email to dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au



Commemorating Anzac Day in the City of Casey

Anzac Day is a day to reflect and commemorate the lives lost in service of Australia. There are several services held around Casey.

Event name	Date and time	Location	Organised by
Endeavour Hills Service	Tuesday 23 April. Service 11:00 am	Endeavour Hills War Memorial, Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills	Cranbourne / Dandenong RSL
Bunjil Place Dawn Service	Thursday 25 April. Service: 6.00 am Breakfast to follow	Bunjil Place, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren	Berwick RSL
Berwick mid-morning service and march	Thursday 25 April March: 10.40 am. Service: 11.00 am	Berwick, Cenotaph, High Street, Berwick	Berwick RSL
Cranbourne Dawn Service	Thursday 25 April. Service: 6.00 am	Cenotaph Area, High Street, Cranbourne	Cranbourne / Dandenong RSL
Cranbourne mid-morning Service	Thursday 25 April March: 10.40 am. Service: 11.00 am	Cenotaph Area, High Street, Cranbourne	Cranbourne / Dandenong RSL
Pearcedale Public Hall Service	Thursday 25 April. Service: 6.00 am. Breakfast to follow	Pearcedale Public Hall, 45 Pearcedale Road, Pearcedale	Pearcedale Public Hall Committee
Hampton Park Service	Thursday 25 April. Service: 6.00 am	ANZAC Memorial, Arthur Wren Hall, 16-20 Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park	Hampton Park Progress Association



Useful Information

Brighton classic car show

120 Classic cars on display at Firbank Grammar School. (Car entrants booking is preferred)
Entertainment for the whole family.
Food and drinks available.

When: 30th March

Time: 10am to 2pm

Where: Firbank Grammar School, 51 Outer Crescent,
Brighton

Cost: \$10 (under 14's free)

More information: pinchbeck@optusnet.com.au



Privacy Collection Statement

Southern Disability Advocacy has to collect information about you, so that we can advocate for you. The information we need will be related to your life, the services you receive and things that are related to your advocacy issue that we are working on for you.

You don't have to tell us about anything you don't want to

You don't have to provide any information that you don't want but if you don't tell us about something it might mean we can't do our work for you. That is ok: we will discuss this with you and we will respect your decision to not tell us information.

How we keep information about you

We store information about you on our computer and in a file in the office. The file is kept safe, in a locked filing cabinet that only staff can access. Your information on the computer is protected by a password.

We use a type of computer storage that means information is stored on someone else's computer. Even though it is stored on someone else's computer, and this computer might even be overseas, only staff from Southern Disability Advocacy can access. This is called "cloud computing" and lots of organisations use it. For all files stored in this way, we use extra security, called encryption, to lock your information up, even though it is on someone else's computer. If you don't want us to store your information in this way, please tell us and we will ensure your information is only stored on our computer. This might mean some restrictions on how we work with you, for example we can only access your information when we are in the office.

We need your permission to talk to other people in your life

We ask you to sign our Exchange of Information form, so we can show people that you have given us permission to talk to them about you. You can cancel this permission at any time: you just have to tell us. That is ok. We will discuss this with you and always respect your decision.

Feedback Survey

Southern Disability Advocacy always wants to get your views on the work we do with and for you.

This Survey is a chance for you to tell us anonymously and in writing if you think we could improve. We hope you will take the time to fill it out and post it back to us. It should only take a few minutes to complete.

1. Is the Newsletter helpful & interesting to you?
2. Tell us if there are topics or items you like us to include in future Newsletters
3. Do you feel comfortable asking us for help?
4. Do you find it easy to get support from us when you ask?
5. Do you feel safe with us?
6. Have we ever done something that upset you or made you angry?
7. Would you feel comfortable telling us if we upset you?
8. Do you know someone who could support you tell us if we upset you?
9. Can you think of anything to improve the advocacy work we do for you?

Thanks for your time. We will consider all the feedback we get and use it to improve the work we do.



Organisational Structure Southern Disability Advocacy

Committee of Management

Anat Green (Chairperson)

Aisa Obarcanin (Ordinary Member)

Evan Lowenstein (Treasurer)

Alan Bergman (Ordinary Member)

Southern Disability Advocacy is managed by a community based Committee of Management that is elected annually. The Committee is responsible for overall strategic directions, policy development, financial management, risk management and the hiring and oversight of staff. The Constitution establishes the procedures for election of the Committee members. Membership of the Committee is open to all Members of the Association.

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Staff

Kerry McLinden (Program Manager) Lisa Thomas (Advocate) Jackie Breasley(Advocate)

Staff are responsible for decision making processes and activities as outlined on their position description, and so are responsible for the day to day running of the program by putting into practice the decisions of the Committee.

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